(c) An evaluation of the works undertaken under Ganga Action Plan was carried out by the experts from four Universities which has revealed that the schemes implemented under Ganga Action Plan are performing well by and large. The evaluation, however, highlighted the need for accurate measurement and characterisation of waste water, provision of resources for operation and maintenance and assured supply of power for pumping stations and treatment plants. The State Governments have been requested to take follow-up actions on these recommendations.

Guidelines to the controversial Environment Clearance Notification

5592. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to issue fresh guidelines for the controversial environment clearance notification;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the loopholes prevailing in the existing notification would be plugged; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) Various views/representations have been received in response to the notification of 27th January, 1994 and the matter is under consideration.

Revamping of Delhi Zoo

5593. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Zoo Authority, with the help of British Zoologists, propose to revamp the Delhi Zoo;

(b) if so, whether the British Zoologists have made several recommendations in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps Central Zoo Authority propose to take to revamp Delhi Zoo ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The Central Zoo Authority has, however, stipulated certain measures to be adopted by the National Zoological Park, New Delhi which include augmenting the water supply to the zoo, improving housing and upkeep of animals, upgradation of veterinary facilities and scientific management of zoo animals.

Mushroom Growth of Zoos in the Country

5594. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the experts of the Central Zoo Authority have expressed concern over the mushroom growth of zoos all over the country without any stress on conservation on wildlife resources;

(b) if so, whether stress on conservation of wildlife is a must; and